applicable, a completed Form CD–512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF–LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD–512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to DOC. SF–LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to DOC in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

Buy American-made Equipment or Products—Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the extent feasible, to purchase Americanmade equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

11.800 Minority Business Development Center

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance) Dated: May 19, 1997.

Frances B. Douglas,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Minority Business Development Agency. [FR Doc. 97–13748 Filed 5–23–97; 8:45 am]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042497C]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 1019 (P619)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 1019 submitted by Dr. Catherine Schaeff, Department of Biology, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20016, has been granted to import up to 2860 tissue and biopsy skin samples taken from southern right whales (*Eubalaena australis*) from South America, South Africa, and Australia.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713–2289); Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2289 (508/281– 9250):

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702– 2432 (813/570–5301).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 27, 1997, notice was published in the Federal Register (62 FR 8929) that an amendment to permit no. 1019 issued October 16, 1996 (61 FR 55134), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 15, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense. **ACTION:** Notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: On May 1, 1997, 62 FR 2376, the Department of Defense published a notice to announce a meeting of the Defense partnership Council to be held May 28, 1997. This notice is to announce that the meeting is cancelled due to conflicts in members' schedules. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr.

Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Boulevard, Suite B–200, Arlington, VA 22209–5144, (703) 696–1450. Dated: May 20, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Task Force on Defense Reform

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of an initial meeting of the Task Force on Defense Reform (the Task Force). The meeting will be open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the task, approach, timetable, and background information. This notice is less than the customary fifteen days since it is critical that the Task Force meet as soon as possible to ensure that findings and recommendations are cognizant of and coordinated with the Quadrennial Review process and the proceedings of the National Defense Panel.

The Task Force was recently established to make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense on alternatives for organizational reforms, reductions in management overhead, and streamlined business practices in the Department of Defense, with emphasis on the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies and the DoD Field Activities, and the military departments.

DATES: Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Room 3E928, the Pentagon, Washington, DC. Seating is limited. Must call Mr. Blair Ewing at the number listed in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section below to arrange for access to Pentagon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Mr. Blair Ewing, Designated Federal Officer, Room 1B728, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301. Telephone: (703) 695–9016. Interested parties should call Mr. Ewing before 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 29, 1997.

Dated: May 20, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 97–13755 Filed 5–23–97; 8:45 am]

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